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The Honorable Peter DeFazio
Chair

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Sam Graves
Ranking Member

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for Midway Road Multimodal/Freight Improvements and Florida's Turnpike Connection in surface transportation legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is St. Lucie County, and the project is located in Port St. Lucie, FL 34986.

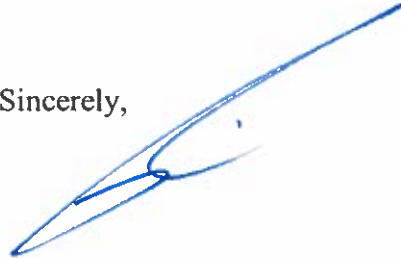
The funding is designated for the widening of a two-lane roadway to four lanes; the widening of a bridge over Florida's Turnpike with a new connection to the Turnpike; the addition of bicycle and pedestrian facilities including buffered bike lanes and a sidewalk along the north side of the roadway and a multi-use trail along the south side of the roadway; and the addition of bus bays on both sides of the roadway.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to provide significant benefits because the project will add capacity to the regional and state highway systems to accommodate growing truck and vehicle volumes, add a new Turnpike interchange for regional connectivity, improve truck access to industrial land use, improve multimodal access along the corridor and enhance regional emergency evacuation as part of the evacuation route network designated by the Florida Division of Emergency Management.

In addition to improving regional freight access to industrial and commercial land uses, the project will improve access to life-safety and postal facilities, including fire, sheriff, and medical facilities, that are located along the corridor. And finally, the project will enable more than 3.5 million square feet of planned warehousing and distribution facilities to be developed along this industrial corridor with rail access, creating hundreds of new jobs for the region.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Brian Mast
Member of Congress